

THE CHURCH



EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1 "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4
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THE SWEETEST STORY EVER TOLD

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

J. S. Llewellyn

We come to you with this Christmas message which is the old, old story that never grows old. Over nineteen hundred years ago the beautiful message of glad tidings came to this dark world that a Saviour was born which is Christ the Lord. The heavenly messengers declared that it was a story of great joy and to all people.

This sweet story of the coming of He Who is said "set for the falling and rising of many in Israel." Coming all the way from the beautiful City of God on His long, long journey, to carry a message of sunshine and blessings to a sin-stricken world and to unfold the precious principles which are to guide our lives and make us happy and joyful in He Who loved us. Truly this is the sweetest story ever told.

Other stories seem to grow old and are laid aside. This to my mind is one of the greatest proofs of the infallibility of the sweet story of the Gospel. When we call to mind the thousands of books that have been published, then we ask ourselves the question, "How many are in real demand that are over one hundred years old?" The facts are they are read and laid aside, discarded, consigned to the trash pile, but the sweet story of Jesus and His love continues to be preserved in the Sacred Volume for over nineteen hundred years. It is held dear to the hearts of His humble followers, then if this story is no more than some other item of news or some magazine story, surely it would not have lasted until this glad Christmas day. This sweet story is met by responsive cord in the hearts of those who love Him. Thank God, this story is as fresh as the sunshine and as sweet as the morning air on a beautiful spring day.

There is no story that has ever stirred the heart of this lost world as the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. The wise men saw His star in the east and at once began to inquire, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" They journeyed over the plain, across the rough and rugged way, with that sweet expectation of getting a glimpse of the young child which was born into the world to bring redemption to mankind. They would allow nothing to change their course or cause them to abandon their journey in search for the new born babe. We hear them talking to that cruel king (Continued on page 2.)

THE OTHER WISE MAN

You know the story of the three wise men of the East and how they travelled from far away to offer their gifts at the manger-cradle in Bethlehem. But have you ever heard the story of the other Wise Man, who also saw the star in its rising and set out to follow it, yet did not arrive with his brethren in the presence of the young child Jesus? Of the great desire of this pilgrim and how it was denied, yet accomplished in the denial; of his many wanderings and the probations of his soul; of the long way of his seeking and the strange way of his finding the One whom he sought—I would tell the tale as I heard fragments of it in the Hall of Dreams, in the Palace of the Heart of Man.—Friendly Year.

Earnestly Seeking God

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel to my blessed Lord for what He is doing for me. I praise the Lord because He looked down upon me one day and saved me from a life of sin when I was lost and on my road to a devil's hell and in about a week He sanctified me. I am praying for the Holy Ghost which the Lord said He would give to them that obey and I want all who read this to pray that I may get the Holy Ghost and talk in tongues as they did on the day of Pentecost. We have about thirty members here at Wake Forest shouting the victory over sin and the devil. We have a Church set in order here, but have not a building, so I want all that read this to pray that we may get a Church building. I would not change the Word of God for anything, for in Revelation we find that it says, If any man shall take away from the Words, of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the Holy City and from the things which are written in this book.

Pray for my wife and I, she has the baptism of the Holy Ghost and I intend to seek till I receive Him.—Frank Baker. Route 2.

MERCY, NOT JUSTICE

"A maiden pleaded with Napoleon for the life of her father, a deserter, condemned to be executed. A frown gathered on Napoleon's brow as he answered: 'He has already twice deserted and do you ask his life?' 'Sire,' she answered, 'I do not ask for justice for mercy.' Esau did not demand justice in dealing with Jacob. God deals with us in mercy."

A Merry Christmas!
O'er the hills of old Judea, that star which signifies that peace has come to the earth and good will toward man has been pronounced. Every heart lifts up their voices this glad day with reverence to the birth of Christ, the Saviour of the world. Wise men from the east came, saying "Where is He that is born, king of the Jews?" for we have seen His star and are come to worship Him, and they were demanded of king Herod to search diligently and when found to inform him that he might know where the child was. When they had found Him they rejoiced with exceeding great joy and opened their treasures and presented unto Him, gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. "Fear not! for I bring you good tidings of great joy." On this day, we hear the Christmas bells with melody so sweet and clear ringing o'er hill and plain, of which every nation and most every tongue shall join. Both old and young look forward to this time with gladness. We all admit that Easter should be celebrated as the resurrection of the Lord, but it is a very simple fact that He could not have died and risen had He not first been born. Though born in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes; He now sits as King and Ruler of the entire universe, and no doubt smiles at our every glad act of celebration and reverence to His birthday. Surely, no birth could have been as essential as His, since He has proven to be the Saviour of the world, for which we herald this glad day and laud His name to the four corners of the earth "Unto us a Son is given," not merely lent; for once sent He shall not be withdrawn. This infant of mankind is still the same welcome Son. This Christmas day comes once a year, but is ever new. —Selected.

LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS ROSE

(A Story for Children)

Many, many years ago the roses had a meeting. They met to decide at what season they would best like to blossom. There were ever so many varieties, large and small, double and single, white and pink, and red and yellow. Nearly every one of the many kinds chose to blossom in June. There were here and there a straggler who preferred the late summer or early autumn. The majority said: "June! June! June is surely the most beautiful month, and the rose is surely the most beautiful flower. The month and flower belong together."

But there was one little plant, the leaves of which were not yet unfolded. It thought it was a rose, but it was so small it hardly knew. None of the proud flowers paid it the least attention. It wasn't asked for an opinion, and it never said a word. But it had its own sweet thoughts. They were something like this: "It seems too bad that all the roses should bloom when the world is already full of beauty without them. I should like to have blossoms that would cheer when things were dreary. I should like to bloom in winter. I wonder if I could!" The little plant did not yet know what power there is in a kind purpose.

The year sped around. The beautiful roses, enjoyed their time of blossoming, and had all passed away. The snow was heavy on the ground. Men said

that in many years there had not been such a snowfall. Christmas day came, and on that day a young woman went to live with him who was once the Christ-child. "How sad there are no flowers," one said. "She was so fond of flowers." But another said: "I know a bush which has blossoms under the snow. It is in that far corner of the garden."

They dug away the white drifts, and sure enough, deep down below the brave plant had done its best. Dozens and dozens of roses bloomed sturdily, daintily, white with pale pink frills, many more than were needed for the friend who appreciated flowers. In a house near by, a new baby came on this joyful day. "The mother must find a flower on her pillow when she awakens from her sleep." So a spray of the pale pink-edged blossom lay there to welcome the new life.

In still another house, on this Christmas Day there was a gay wedding. The bride's table was adorned with a bowl of the delicate winter rose blossoms. All the guests praised their exquisite perfection. "To think they blossomed for my wedding!" the bride exclaimed. Happy rose-bush, for it had given beauty and gladness to the great events of life!

But there was something better for the rose. The Lord of the garden knew all about it. He said: "Because this little plant

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

You have seen a cloud drifting across the pure blue of the sky, and as you watched it, it has broken up and disappeared forever. That cloud you will never see again. So God deals with your sins. You believe in his Son as your Lord and Saviour. Then he has blotted out your transgressions as he has swept the cloud from your sight forever. The Bible abounds in these assurances of utter removal of the penalty of sin from the child of God. "I, even I, am he that blot out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." "Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea"—not upon the beach, in view of all, nor in the shoals where the receding tide shall expose them, but into the depths of the sea, to be seen no more.—Selected.

GREAT SUCCESS

ELDORADO, Md.—We started a revival at this place Nov. 1, and it continued for two weeks with good success. Brother and Sister Carl Milligan and Brother and Sister Fred B. Marine from Six Points, Pa. were with us and they with Brother Tanner our Pastor, surely gave the Word out with great power. The Lord did work, there was shouting, dancing, praising the Lord and talking in tongues among the saints.

Two were saved, one sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost, one reclaimed and four added to the Church.

We closed the meeting with a crowded house and much interest. We expect another revival here after Christmas.

All who read this pray that God will continue to work in this place.—Mrs. Katie R. Hastings, Clerk.

On the Lord's Side

GORDO, Ala.—I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me. I am a member of the Church and I surely appreciate it and count it a great privilege. The Lord has been so good to me. Praise His name. I am glad that the Bible Church is right. Pray for me that I will press on and live for Him.—R. J. Albridge, Rt. 1.

REMEMBER CHRIST

"A young girl was persecuted in her godless home because she was a Christian. Quietly, bravely, patiently she bore it, rejoicing that she was a partaker of Christ's sufferings. But the struggle was soon ended, the pain over. When they came to robe her for the grave they found written on a paper sewed inside her dress: 'He opened not his mouth.'"

NOT ST. NICHOLAS (SANTA CLAUS) BUT CHRIST

LET US EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER

F. J. Lee

Christmas is most here. Thousands of children think of Santa Claus when you mention Christmas, but most of the children whose parents are of the holiness faith have discarded the thought of there being a Santa Claus.

Christmas with some has come to be a day of mirth and reveling. Thousands take their guns and rabbit dogs and go hunting. The habitants of the wood and field take to hiding places because of the roar of the gun the yelping of dogs and the yelling of the hunters. Thousands of hunters of game and hunters of pleasure are filled with a spirit, often strong drink, but if not that, it is a spirit of revelry and worldliness. On this notable day the giddy world honors the King, the President, the Governors, Mayors, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, Sunday School superintendents, teachers. All children of wealthy parents, but oh how many children of real poor parents are remembered?

Many churches have entertainments on this notable day, usually at night. It may be the announcement goes out that this entertainment is in honor of Christ and in memory of His birth. I will ask, Is He really honored? We fear that He is not, but Miss Sallie was honored because she arranged such a nice program, Mr. Jones was honored by receiving a nice pair of kid gloves, Mrs. Sandusky was honored by receiving a fancy scarf, Miss Jacks is honored because she can sing so beautifully. Old Santa Claus was honored more than any because he attracted the attention of everyone. The children would have been disappointed if he had not been there, from the fact that they had been taught that Santa Claus was some great one, coming from a far country, therefore Santa Claus received the greater honor, but really it is not the man who has on a false face who is being honored, but it is St. Nicholas who is being honored.

Now who should be really honored? Every true Spirit-filled child of God will say, "Jesus Christ." Yes, you are right. It is all right to have an entertainment if you do it in honor of our Lord. What will honor Him? Anything that points to Him as being our King, our Saviour, our Healer and our All. This may be in the order of a song, a speech or even a dialog, but remember that anything of a worldly nature should be eliminated.

Exalting Jesus

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EVANGELISTIC LICENSE

We are advised by the General Overseer and General Secretary that it is very important for all evangelists to send in their license for renewal at once as much of our work has been delayed on account of the recent restraint which is now lifted and the work will go on double quick. Don't delay this matter as the end of the year is drawing near, you will soon need to get your clergy permit for 1927 and other things necessary for the coming year. Let us rejoice together over answered prayer and confidentially expect greater things for Christ and His Church.

ORPHANAGE WORK

Now to one and all while you have your little families gathered around you, enjoying the comforts of life and many nice things for Christmas, won't you kindly and prayerfully consider those who have been less fortunate? Remember too that if you and your companion had been removed by death as many others have been how about your own little ones? Would you have liked for somebody to remember them for Christmas? If you had been unfortunate to the extent of leaving no home and no provisions for their maintenance and comfort would you have liked for some one to have kindly remembered yours? Dear friends, let us take this matter close to our heart and ask God what He would have us do to help those who have been unfortunate; yet at the same time have been fortunate enough that they have been taken up and admitted into the Orphanage and Childrens Home at Cleveland, Tenn.

You will also remember that the expenses are very heavy for fuel, clothing, food and other necessary supplies and other financial obligations that must be met, therefore, let us respectfully insist that the needs of this worthy institution, not only in an individual manner, but before your congregation and an earnest appeal made for a liberal contribution for the payment and maintenance of this worthy institution on Christmas Day and if for any reason it is not convenient to do this on that day, please don't fail to give it your attention the following Sunday for this is an urgent matter and needs special attention at once.

S. S. LITERATURE

It is now time for our secretaries to place their order for Sunday school literature for the first quarter as we are expecting a very heavy rush on account

of the holidays and some other unavoidable hindrances. On account of the pressing strain we will take it as a special accommodation if they will send cash with order as this is the closest and hardest time of the year. The prices are as follows:

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Our readers may wonder why the name and title of the paper has not been changed back to THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL since the Supreme Court has ruled in our favor, as explained elsewhere in this issue. Our reason for not doing so at this time is the fact that the title of the paper was changed with the Postoffice department, therefore it becomes necessary to do so to make another change, which as yet has not been done.

We hope our readers will give due consideration and patiently wait further development.

NOTICES

Renewing of your license will have prompt attention.

They will be mailed to the State Overseer where your membership is and he will mail them to you.

State on back of the license you are sending in where you want them mailed to, and tell us also if you are pastoring.

If you do not receive them as soon as you think you should the reason may be because your State Overseer is away from home.

E. J. Boehmer, General Secy.

We are to begin a meeting at Macedonia church, eight miles west of Haleyville, Alabama on Route 2. Every body come and come looking for a good time with the Lord. We are going to have a Union meeting and intend to have the Lord's Supper and feet washing on Christmas night, so every body come praying.—Jack Dukes and wife, Haleyville, Alabama.

We are to engage in a meeting at Columbia, South Carolina for a few weeks. Our next appointment will be at Greenville, South Carolina, at Brother J. B. Ellis' church and the next at Empire, Alabama. We solicit your prayers that we may keep our face like a flint toward Heaven and have a determination to stand true and unmovable until we receive our crown at the end of the way. Thy servants.—I. G. Roberts and wife, State Evangelist of Alabama.

To All the Ministers in South Carolina: Let us do our best for the mission work. I notice we have assigned to our state \$600.00. Now I am sure we want to do our best so let us all work hard to raise this amount, also we want to donate liberally to the orphans. We know that South Carolina has hit it hard this year as cotton was late and no good after it did open but we can do our best and God will bless our efforts I am sure.—W. E. Raney, Overseer.

We are notified by Brother T. W. Harmon, that his address is changed from Preston, Maryland to that of 842 Madison Ave., Wilmington, Del.

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humbleth himself shall be exalted. There has never been a being that has humbled himself as our Lord. See Him in glory before the foundation of the world, ere the mountains or seas existed. He was with the Father as one brought up with Him and thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but humbled Himself and took the form of a servant, first becoming only a babe, born of very poor parents. He was laid in a manger, and doubtless had very scant clothing. I am persuaded that He had scant food and clothing during His boyhood days and even in manhood. He was not carried away with the things of this life, but walked a very humble walk while He dwelt with the children of men. To humble Himself in the walks of life was not enough, but He humbled Himself to take the sneers, jeers and criticisms of wicked men. Is that all? No, He humbled Himself to the death of the cross and suffered His body to go to the tomb, then His Spirit went down, down to the lower parts of the earth to a place of departed spirits, a place called Sheol, the place where the poor Lazarus was, a place of prison. Oh the depth of humility to which our Lord had gone!

Now I see Him begin to ascend, He passes from the prison walls and goes by the way of the tomb, entering the body, which had been a tabernacle for Him for thirty odd years. This event effected all Christendom, people everywhere now began exalting the name of Jesus. Let us notice some Scripture quotations.

"Being found in fashion as a man: he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name. According to the working of his mighty power which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be Prince and a Saviour. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear."

Gabriel's name is a high and exalted name. Michael's name is also highly exalted. The names of all arch angels are honored by the host of heaven, but none are so highly honored as the name of Jesus Christ. The names of kings, emperors, Sultans, presidents, Czars etc. are honored, but Paul tells us that there is no name exalted in this world or the world to come like the name of Jesus Christ. Since God has so ordered that the name of Jesus Christ be exalted above every name, why should not we set about to do this in every way possible? Let us laud His name in song, in prose, poetry or dialog or any other way, if the chief aim is to magnify the name of Jesus.

Jesus, Jesus who is called Christ,

Your name shall be praised, not once or twice,

But forevermore from shore to

shore,
We shall herald abroad, and
Your name adore.

We love Thee with all our
might,
And each day we try to do the
right;

We exalt Thy name for Thy
loving grace,
We hope to some day see Thee,
face to face.

Let's lift our voices this Christ-
mas day,

And both old and young be
heard to say

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
He is my King,

I shall ever adore, and His praise
sing.

The Sweetest Story
Ever Told

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as he begins to tremble. They say, "We have seen His star in the east and we are on our way to worship Him." We see the gloom of disappointment and dread settling down on his rough and rugged face; yet he endeavors to muster up courage and with a smile of deception he says, "When you find Him come back and bring me word that I may go and worship Him also." This is the plan of the enemy of souls. If he cannot get them to give up and abandon the search for the Saviour of the world he will then try to get them to agree that when they find Him they will come back and bring him word, but dear soul we would do well to pattern after the wise men and pursue the same course they did, which is to say that when they found Him they entered in to worship Him and among the first things they did was to open up their treasures and have a real good round up of freewill offering. Oh, it is no trouble to give when we worship Him truly, when we find Him precious to our souls. It is no trouble to contribute to the work of the Lord and give the Lord His portion (tithes) when we really love Him, but Oh, if we do it unwillingly and grudgingly it is too hard.

After the wise men had worshipped the babe of Bethlehem, the services all over, we imagine we can see them walking out of the humble place and one says to the other, "Oh, my heart is glad, I am rejoicing in His love, I am so glad I found Him." And another said, "Herod wants to know about Him," and the third says, "No, we cannot go back that way," but the sweet story of the Gospel tells us that "they departed another way." So every soul that really finds the Lord and worships Him in Spirit and in truth, surrenders their all to Him for time and eternity. His service will be their sweetest delight and they too are sure to depart another way and to go back to take Herod (who is a type of the devil) word.

Dearly beloved, let us take this lesson to our own hearts. We cannot afford to go back the way we came. We cannot afford to go back into the same things that we always did before we found the Lord. We cannot afford to go with the giddy and the gay. We cannot afford to lock arms with those who do not love the Christ that we serve. We cannot afford to go with them into the worldly pleasures of amusement. We cannot afford to run to the same excess of riot, in fact, we are to live a new life, take the other road, bid goodbye to Herod and everything that he wants us to do and live righteously and godly in this

present world.

While it is common to hear this story at Christmas time and our readers have heard it over and over again; yet it is full of sweetness, beauty and charm and thousands are just as eager to hear the story of this event as tho it had happened just yesterday. Yes, it is new every Christmas morning. Oh, the sweet song of the angels as it echoes over earth and sky and heralds this glad message to a world in desperate need of a Saviour. It is a story that brings gladness and cheer. Its message is full of joy, hope and peace.

The beautiful message that was sent from the eternal world on the first Christmas morning announced the birth of a new born babe "which is Christ the Lord." It was sent out as "good tidings of great joy." Such a glad message should be cherished and held dear in the hearts of all people everywhere who hear the good news.

Dear reader, as we observe and celebrate this glad Christmas-day in honor of He who came our souls to redeem and to make our lives happy, our hopes bright, our expectations sure, let us remember that just one day's love and loyalty to this Saviour is not enough. Just one day to remember His coming as a foreign missionary to bring light to the millions who sit in darkness, to cheer up those who had been long waiting for His coming, but let us remember and worship Him truly, acknowledge Him as living in our hearts, then let us worship Him three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. Truly this was an eventful occasion. It was the beginning of new joy, new happiness and genuine pleasure and satisfaction. Think of the thousands of blessings that have come to this lost world as a result of His coming. Let us meditate on the days of His childhood, the days of His ministry, the Church He said He would build and that He is the Divine Head of His Church, from Him it draws its life and it receives its directions.

Now, dear reader, one and all, with this glad, sweet story of the coming of He that my soul doth love, permit me to send you the usual Christmas greetings with the earnest hope that

you too love Him supremely and will worship Him truly and exalt His name above every name, follow the course of the wise men, hear the sweet story that a Saviour came.

Born Within

"Tis not enough that Christ was born

Beneath the star that shone,
And earth was set that blessed morn

Within a golden zone.
He must be born within the heart

Before he finds his throne,
And brings the day of love and good—

The reign of Christlike brotherhood."

LEGEND OF THE
CHRISTMAS ROSE
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grew and blossomed unnoticed, unpraised, content to wait and bring its small need for others' happiness, glad to be of use when other roses failed, it shall be named for me. Now and always it shall be the Christmas Rose."

Think of others. Do not be selfish. Christmas means unselfishness. Love came down at Christmas, love all lonely, love Divine. Children, young people, bring all the love you can into the world—all the beauty, all the kindness, all the helpfulness.—Selected.

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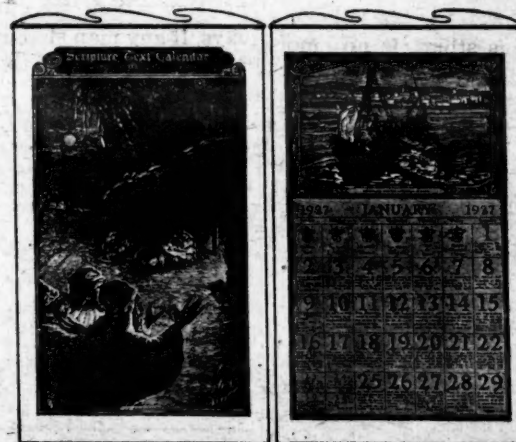
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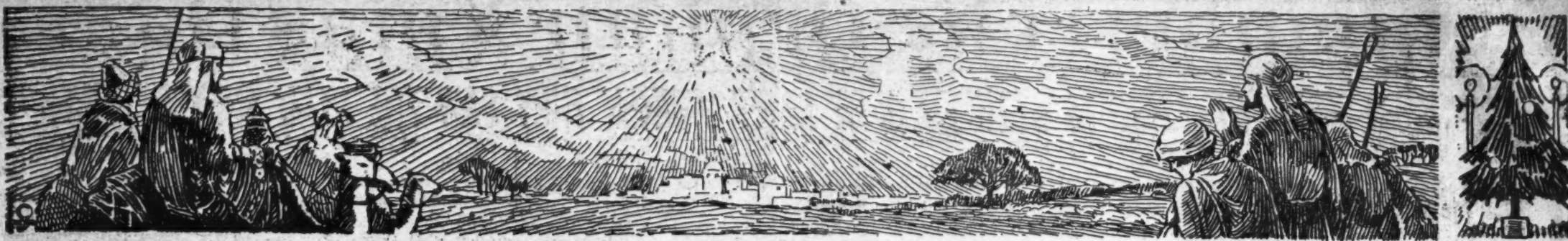
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TEXAS STUDENT

Truly we are glad we are in school again, and have met so many new students and several that were here last year. But the best thing of all is that God has met with us again and His blessings are as real as they were last year.

We students praise the school very highly, but we do this because we know that God's approval is upon it, and really this is His work, as Brother Payne often says, "If God was not in this, we would not be here."

Of course the devil comes around sometimes and tries to discourage a few, but he, being an unwelcome guest, we refuse to entertain him or listen to his advice. We have our eyes on one who has said He would never leave us nor forsake us, and that He would help us in the time of need.

I'm glad to say we have found Him to be true, He has so fixed things for we girls here in school, that we can have one that is a mother to us, even tho' we are away from our real mother, and that is Sister Moore. She is so good to us, and we appreciate her.

We ask you to please remember us when you pray.

Cleo Wood.

A STUDENT FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

I certainly feel thankful for the privilege to attend Bible School as this is my first term. Two months have almost passed and the presence of the Lord has surely been with me. I have had a desire to attend Bible School for five or six years but just let time play its little tricks.

I can say the Lord surely has blessed me in my efforts to attend this school, tho' I regret very much that I did not put forth a greater effort to come sooner.

I wish to say to those who are interested in the Lord's work to begin just now to make preparations to attend next term. I'm sure you will never regret it. We have learned to love our teachers, Brother Payne and Sister Moore. They are certainly interested in the students and look out for our welfare just as a mother and father. I'm sure you mothers and fathers need not be uneasy about your girls or boys while they are in Brother Payne's care. Some may think he is strict and rigid, and he is to a certain extent, but not too much for our good as I have already said, he is like a father to us. We who are properly reared are used to strictness and do not mind him being strict.

We also get musical training while here. Brother Robinson is putting forth a great effort from

FROM LOUISIANA

This is my third term in the Bible School, but I believe I am learning more and learning easier than any other term.

I am truly glad we have a school like this, where we can go and learn so many good things, that preachers need to know.

Some people oppose this school and say many things against it, but it is always someone who knows nothing about the benefits of the school or one that is disloyal to the Church and its work.

I had just as soon believe I could take the wings of a Louisiana mosquito, and fly across the seas to the land of Palestine; cross the Arabian desert to the Euphrates River on a pair of roller skates, then float up the river to Mount Ararat on a marble slab as to believe I could be loyal to the Church and speak against the Bible school.

My needs are being supplied very well and what isn't supplied, I am expecting it to be.

I have been tardy only one morning since this term began and that morning I came in just as they closed the morning exercise and they called on me to sing a solo in order to get my tardy mark erased, so I sang "I'm Going Home Tomorrow", but I'm still here and expect to be here the last day of the term and don't expect to sing another solo.

B. C. Robinson, Dunn, La.

TENNESSEE BOY ENJOYING SCHOOL

At last I have the privilege of attending the Bible Training school. I do count it a privilege to be here as I have wanted to come for the last few years but it seemed impossible to do so.

I find that it is a good place to be, for we not only study, but also have singing, and have prayer several times daily. The Spiritual side seems in keeping with the other.

I truly believe we have sincere and capable teachers, who seem to feel an interest in each student.

We study a few of the more essential subjects for equipping one for a life of service in the work of the Lord. For the last study period of each day we discuss different subjects of the Bible as they may be presented by any of the students.

To-day I am notifying you to send them at once for renewal. PLEASE LET NO ONE DELAY, because the year 1927 will be here before you are hardly aware of it.

You will need your 1927 license in order that you may get your Clergy rates. We are now ready to sign all Evangelistic, Church of God license. We will try to do it on double quick time.

I desire an interest in your prayers.

Dellie Chandler,
Walhalla, S. C.

sent by any of the students. This is always interesting and helpful as each one gives their opinion of the subject in question, giving the chapter and verse as the ground of their opinion.

I find that some are opposed to the school and education, but I can't see a good reason for this. Some one might say, "The Apostles were unlearned and ignorant men and were successful in the work." It is true the apostles (excepting Paul) had not attended school very much, but this isn't much of an argument against learning all we can about anything concerning the Bible. Paul was a man of learning, having been taught by the great teacher, Gamaliel. He not only knew the Scriptures, but also the Roman law, and the history and geography of a large part of the world. We must not fear that we will know more than the apostles.

Most everyone living has gone to school some, and if that was not wrong it would be no more wrong to continue. If it is all right to steal three apples it is all right to take a dozen.

I want to be humble and sincere and be a blessing to others in this short life. Oh I just can't understand why some people are so careless about eternity; which is the one true life. All here is vanity and vexation of spirit, but by faith I am determined to overcome to the end.

Chas. D. Hicks,

Not Tired of the Way

McDONALD, Miss.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for what the Lord has done for me. He saved, sanctified and gave me the Holy Ghost of which I never can thank Him enough. I am not the least bit tired of the way. It don't seem like I could live without the Holy Ghost and knowing the joys of salvation. We have a big bunch of saints at Watkins Tabernacle. I ask the earnest prayers of the saints everywhere that I may stay humble and low at the feet of Jesus.—G. D. McNair.

SPECIAL NOTICE**The Handicap is Off**

A few weeks back we notified the ministers to not send their credentials for renewal until we notified them to do so. We were handicapped from renewing them in the name of the Church of God.

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F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

SPECIAL NOTICE**AN EARNEST APPEAL TO ALL OUR MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.**

They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage. Isa. 41:6.

No doubt you have either seen or heard of the big new Tabernacle at Wimauma, Fla. Many have seen it and have helped with their means very liberally; yet there are several thousand dollars hanging over it to be paid. Much of this is past due. Our creditors have been very good to us it is true, but we want to be good to them and meet our obligations. First remember this is a State affair and not just a local affair, therefore, every member should feel their part of the burden of this debt just as much as if it were your own home Church, and inasmuch as some of our good members have suggested that each member pay \$1.00 per month till it is paid off and they are poor folks so far as this world's goods are concerned, but thank the Lord they are rich in faith.

Inasmuch as we are in need of money to meet our obligations on this debt we have decided to give each member a chance to help us out in this tight, so we are sending this appeal to the Pastors and District Overseers, asking them to take this up with their members and see that each one gets a chance to help in this matter. With the membership we have in the State of Florida if each one will come on and do this we can pay every dollar off in just a few months and no one will feel it. There will be some perhaps who cannot pay this amount but others can chip in and make it average this amount. There are many who can't pay \$5.00 or \$10.00 all at once, that can pay one dollar per month. Just think of it, we could do without one meal a day for three weeks at 33 and 1/3 cts. a meal, and you would have your dollar saved up and no doubt you would feel better and have more power with the Lord than you do now. This will take a little sacrifice, but the Lord will bless you for it. Many of our folks say they would like to do something for the Lord, now if you do, now is your time to prove it.

Just think of the many souls that find the Lord at this place each year. Many times more than all the local churches put together. So we appeal to each member to do your best and let us pay this off soon. Don't say no to God's worthy cause, so every one push this. Ask others if they read this appeal, if they did not, you read it to them and see that they know about it. Now remember this is not to be understood as an assessment at all, but only as an appeal. Don't wait for that but act on this one and send all money for this fund to the Treasurer, S. T. Wadsworth, Wimauma, Fla. We are appealing to your good

EXAMPLES OF SEEKING AND FINDING JESUS**JESUS SAID TO TWO MEN, WHOM SEEK YE?**

F. J. Lee

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day star arise in your hearts.

The star is shining very brightly to-day and is guiding many men who prove themselves wise enough to leave all behind them and let Jesus be first in their thoughts.

We present this poem as an example how to find Jesus. In this we understand that the only wholesome instruction can come through the Word of God.

Look! What meaneth the coming of the Caravan?

They seem to come from a foreign land;
They seem so happy as they march along;
Listen I hear them raise their voices in song!

With one accord they joyfully sing,

Where is He, the King, the King?
We have traveled many miles, and from afar,
We have been guided with a peculiar star.

We have our treasures of many a gem,

And we are marching on to Jerusalem.
We are kings from the far East,
And we are very anxious to find the Prince of Peace.

We have asked your king to direct to the Christ,

But alas! poor man, he can give no advice,
We shall go to the prophet, the priest, or scribe,
And in their directions we shall confide.

We will tell you the directions of which we have heard,
They have given it from the study of the Word,
In Bethlehem, the quaint little town,
According to their advice the King may be found.

We have left our goods, our families, our all,
And we expect ere long, before this King to fall;
We shall present to Him, treasures both rich and grand,
And offer to Him our heart and hand.

Dear friends, if you will do as the king of the East,
Present yourselves before Him, from greatest to least,
Surrendering the thing you treasure the most,
He will then save, sanctify and fill with the Holy Ghost.

conscience and your love for the Cause and your appreciation of this building, for help. Can you afford to say no? We do not believe you will say no in this time of need. Keep this issue of your paper and read this to your friends. If our friends wish to help us it will be appreciated greatly. Thanking one and all for your co-operation in advance. We remain your humble servant. J. A. Self, Overseer.

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TESTIMONIES

Salvation That Will Keep When the World is On Fire

TUSCUMBIA, Ala.—I praise God this beautiful morning for salvation that covers my soul, I praise Him for health and strength, He has been so good to me, He has blessed me so many times, saved sanctified and filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I live eight miles in the country and I don't get to go to Church very often, but I praise the Lord for salvation that will keep when the world is on fire, thank the Lord. I desire the prayers of every one.—John H. Morgan.

BLAIRSVILLE, Ga.—The District meeting held at Blairsville, Ga., July 16th and 18th, at the Owl Town Church. We had a good time although there were some disappointment, because some of the speakers didn't get to come. The writer preached Friday night, after a good praise service which was conducted by Brother M. F. Phillips. The text used Jude 2d chapter. We had a real good time, and I am sure every one enjoyed it. There is great power and glory in serving the Lord. I ask all that pray to remember us.—John W. Devlin.

DEVIL STIRRED

JELICO, Tenn.—Evangelists, J. G. Davis and C. A. Fox held a six weeks revival at the Church in Jellico. The results were successful, backsliders and sinners were saved, the Church at large has been revived to the fullness of blessing. The entire town has been greatly blessed, even the Baptist people and other churches have been attending the meetings regular. The sick have been healed according to the Word. The devil has been stirred, but we, through prayer and faith, won the victory.—Mrs. Sarah Gaylor.

REQUESTS

N. M. Hamrick, Emory, Tex. requests prayer for the healing of her body and that she may be restored to the kingdom of God.

Please pray for the Church in Springfield, Missouri, that God will give us a building and that Brother and Sister Collins' needs while here in the work will be supplied, as we feel that God has sent them.—Irene Mackey, Box 151, Route 2.

I would like for some Church of God minister to come to Melbourne, Florida and hold a meeting. There are no Church of God people here except our family, so we ask you to pray that the Lord will send some one here to run a meeting for us. I ask also that you pray for me to be healed. I suffer with my neck.—Leonard Armstrong.

ANOTHER VICTORY

Again the veil is laid aside and the Church of God moves into the noonday of God's love and power without restraint. Our chief attorney, Chas. S. Mayfield, of this city, filed his brief, argument and petition for supersedeas in the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee and duly notified opposing counsel that he would appear before the court on Dec. 15 and present his

petition for supersedeas. Opposing counsel appeared, petition and argument presented, the same taken under advisement by Justice McKinney. The order of the Supreme Court was handed down on Dec. 17, in favor of the Church of God, granting the supersedeas which has the effect of superseding the opinion and decree of the Court of Appeals which was entered as of Sept. 18, but in reality the decree was not entered until the latter part of October, but dated back to Sept. 18.

On account of the dating back of the decree our time for appealing to the Supreme Court would have been almost consumed but our attorneys applied to Chief Justice Green for additional time which was granted until Dec. 15.

The news of the adverse decree was received just about the closing of the Twenty-first Annual Assembly of the Church of God. It was at that time circulated by some of our opposers that this was the final decree and that the whole matter was settled and no further resort. Many of our good people left the city not knowing but what this was true. It was also rumored far and wide that we cannot get into the Supreme Court and that that opinion was final. Many letters were written to that effect and on account of this a land slide was expected to them, but it failed to slide.

Our attorneys have been very hopeful all the way that the Supreme Court would reverse the opinion above referred to and sustain the decision of the Chancellor which was in our favor.

Now, this is considered a wonderful victory for the Church and increases our hopes and brightens our prospects for final victory. Permit me to further advise all our members and friends not to be lifted up over this victory for there are others to win. We should rather humble ourselves before the Lord, express our heart felt thanks for this victory and earnestly pray that the final termination of this affair will be a signal victory for the Church of God.

The officials at headquarters are greatly encouraged and increasingly confident that the final outcome will be satisfactory and that the Church of God thereafter shall be able to move on and fulfill its mission in the world of carrying the Gospel to the nations of the earth. To this end let every saint earnestly pray.

WONDERFULLY DELIVERED IN WRECK

DEUCHER, Ohio.—I am still praising the Lord for a full and free salvation that reaches down and awakens the deepest depth of the soul and breathes there a spirit of life. I have never regretted for a single instant the fact that I am one of the despised few, but rather do I rejoice in all persecutions which come to me for I am finding glory all along the way.

Thanksgiving day has just past and I have something to thank God for that I never had before. I have had many things to praise Him for but next to my salvation I consider this the greatest. On last Sunday Brother Roy West and myself drove to Marietta to church where we enjoyed a good feast with the

Lord. We remained over night and on our way home before we realized what was happening our car was hurled over the road and stood upright on the rear end about thirty or forty feet below and not more than ten feet from the river. The miracle of it all was that we were unhurt, except for some slight bruises, while the machine was badly damaged. The first thing that of when we found we were not hurt badly was to thank God for we realized it was His hand that had saved us from being killed. Praise His name forever.

When the machine came to a standstill I was standing on my head and both cushions from the seats were piled upon me so that I could hardly breathe and I thought the car also was on me, but I want to say to you there was no fear of death for me. I just turned my face to the air and did not try to help myself; did not even think to scream but just seemed content die there. Roy said, when he realized we were over the road, he felt no fear, but rather felt confident that we wouldn't be hurt, and thank God we weren't. Probably the devil thought he would rid the world of two Holy Ghost filled persons. We know that God will go with us always, never leaving nor forsaking. And if it means an experience such as ours He will go with us thru that too. It certainly does pay to be right with God, for we don't know what time we will be hurled into death without warning. We had been coming along so nicely talking about the Lord and singing the good songs of Zion, and suddenly thrown into almost the jaws of death. There was certainly no time for repentance had there been any need, but thank God, in this case we were prepared to go, but alas! not so with many who believe they still have plenty of time in which to prepare to meet their God. Had they gone thru that wreck unharmed surely they could have realized what it means to face death so suddenly. Yea, within a moment of time and without any thought whatever, all can be finished and our dooms sealed. O that I could bring before the world a picture of the uncertainty of life vividly pointed that each heart would melt within them with the knowledge that "now is the day of salvation". When one comes as near death's door as we were they will certainly realize what it means to be right with God. People who saw the place where we went over marvelled that we escaped with our lives but the "secret of the Lord is with them that fear him", and we know whose hand it was saved us. It certainly pays to know that the old account has been settled long ago. It is my prayer to God that any who may read this and have not yet given God their heart, may take warning we know not the day nor the hour that the Lord will say "enough" and I am sure it will be when we least expect it. This is not only a warning to the sinner, but also to those who think the battle too hard for them, but let us be encouraged, the prize is not won by those who begin this race but those that travel the last mile of the way will receive the crown. I want to say before closing that we are more determined than ever to go thru with the Lord.

A sister under the blood.—Maymie Patterson.

GOD'S CHURCH IS RIGHT

That is true. The Word of God gave the name and God's Word is true. Let God be true and every man a liar (if needs be). Praise His name forever. I am so glad that God has given me a Spiritual eye, so that we can see beyond even the literal name of the Church. The letter killeth, the Spirit maketh alive, so I can truly see far beyond this literal name that there is a Spiritual name that the enemy can never molest at all. No, nor the gates of hell can never prevail against it. O I do wish the Lord would open your Spiritual understanding, you who are troubled, that you may also see. In my opinion no opposers can corner on that dear name, His Church of which He has said the gates of hell shall not prevail against neither can the law decide as to who God's Church shall be composed of.

The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than a twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and Spirit, and a discernor of the Spirits and intents of the heart. Heb. 5:12. If we will pray God will open up your minds and the Word will cut the mist so we can see. Spiritual things too.

That name may prove, if only seen in its literal sense, a bait by which the devil will deceive many if the law decides against us for so many say they are going to follow the name. Thank God I have the name if I am in that blood bought Church which John saw while standing on Mt. Zion without a spot or wrinkle, yes without blemish. The Word of God is not bound and with old Peter, I can say, "We ought to obey God rather than man". Let us not bite at any baits. Just keep your eye on Jesus and the devil can do no harm. We recognize the Church of which Brother F. J. Lee is General Overseer as being the one God is setting His approval upon "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. Wherefore, let us gird up the loins of our mind, be sober and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto us at revelation of Jesus Christ.—Your brother and sister, J. J. Wedgeworth.

NEW CHURCH IN THE LONE STAR STATE

ABILENE, Tex.—We have just closed a six weeks revival at this place. The Lord wonderfully blest We have been sounding the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," for two years and at last we received help. Thank God for some Pentecostal brethren who co-operated with us in the meeting and preached some wonderful sermons. One Pentecostal man at the close of the meeting walked out and lined up with the great Church of God.

Sister Wilson and Sister Lois Ross were with us for awhile. We thank God for every one of them. Quite a number were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost according to

Acts 2:4.

The service closed with all day meeting the last Sunday. Brother M. E. Drake of Brownfield, Tex. was with us Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night and he set a church in order with eleven members and many others looking this way.

Every one who reads this pray much for this place.—J. T. Campbell, box 646, Abilene, Tex.

A Wonderful Revival

WHITWELL, Tenn.—Brothers J. B. Helton and H. K. Keith came to this place and held a two weeks revival. They gave out the Word in its fulness and the dear Lord surely did bless.

Thirty-one were saved, twenty-nine sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, sixteen followed the Lord in water baptism and thirteen came into the Church. At the close of the revival we had communion and feet washing. The Lord met with us in power and great glory. The saints danced, talked in tongues and praised the Lord. There are others looking this way.—Janie Smith.

SPLENDID SERMON

ACKERMAN, Miss.—We thank the Lord for Brother and Sister J. J. Wedgeworth, as it was the Lord's will they stopped over with us and Brother Wedgeworth gave us a splendid sermon, and we did rejoice as the good testimonies, singing, dancing and shouting went on. He certainly is on his job. Thank God, he gave the devil no ends on him.—W. J. Overby, Route 3, Box 64.

Successful Revival

MACCLENY, Fla.—We have just closed a successful revival at this place. Three received the Holy Ghost, three sanctified and two saved. Interest was good with large attendance.—W. W. Harmon.

GLORIOUS REVIVAL

PERRY, Fla.—A glorious revival is now in progress at the Church at Perry, Fla., conducted by Brother and Sister Newman of Alabama. We have not had a meeting since the Assembly and the saints were getting hungry for the Word of God.

Brother and Sister Newman are meeting with a wonderful degree of success. They are giving out the Word with great power. The Lord surely is blessing. The altar is full of seekers crying out to God and the saints are encouraged. Their services are highly appreciated by the Church here. They are

true blue and stand four square for the Church. They are delighted with Florida and have accepted the work here and will be our pastor for the coming year. The Church surely is fortunate in securing their services.

Great results are confidentially expected here this year. Pray for us.—Mrs. B. N. Thomas.

A WONDERFUL TIME

HAMILTON, Ohio.—Have just closed a three weeks revival. Several were saved and six received the Holy Ghost. We had a wonderful time and large crowds. Sister Helen L. Morrow was the evangelist. I believe if you want a good revival you would do well to call her to conduct the meeting.

In our regular meeting last Sunday night there were about twenty at the altar and one was sanctified. Our tabernacle was full to overflowing.—J. C. York, Pastor.

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